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In re Application of:

Nguyen, et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002 in the above-identified application from December 17, 2002 to March 17, 2003.

The extension request and appropriate fee are as follows:

			Large Entity		Small
					Entity
[]	One month	[]	\$ 110	[]	\$ 55
[]	Two months	[]	\$ 410	[]	\$205
[X]	Three months	[]	\$ 930	[X]	\$465
	Four months	[]	\$1,450	[]	\$725
[]	Five months	[]	\$1,970	[]	\$985

- Applicant is a small entity. [X]
- A check including the amount of the fee is enclosed. [X]

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- [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1947 referencing Attorney Docket No. *. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>additional</u> fees which may be required, or credit any <u>overpayment</u>, to Deposit Account No. <u>50-1947</u>, referencing Attorney Docket No. <u>CSI-2013</u>.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and/or the Patent Office determines that other relief is required, Applicant authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1947, referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2013. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 17, 2003

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